

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

10 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD  
RECONNAISSANCE

SUBJECT : Resumption of the ARGON Program

REFERENCE: USIB-D-41.5/45, 26 December 1962

1. In response to vote sheet action requested in the reference, all USIB members have informed the Secretariat of their concurrence in the COMOR recommendation regarding resumption of the ARGON program (set forth in paragraph 4 of the referenced document), except for the Chairman, USIB, to whom this matter has not yet been submitted for consideration. The Secretariat has been advised, however, that the concurrences of the CIA and State members of USIB in the COMOR recommendation are subject to general qualification that the ARGON launches, as proposed, do not interfere with the CORONA firings scheduled for March and April 1963.

2. To facilitate completion of USIB action on the reference, it will be appreciated if you would report the above-noted status of "voting" on the subject to COMOR at your regular committee meeting this morning, and request the members present (except those representing CIA and State) to communicate to the Secretariat by close of business 11 January either the acceptance or objection of their Board principal in the "qualification." The Secretariat will contact the AEC and FBI and determine their position on this question.

3. Should there be any issue in the COMOR on this matter that requires resolution at a USIB meeting, the subject will be scheduled on the agenda of the 16 January Board meeting, for consideration and action.

Executive Secretary

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completed.